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8 HONORING DR. LAWRENCE J. LEMAK FOR HIS LONGTIME AND  
9 CONTINUING SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ALABAMA SPORTS  
10 FOUNDATION.

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12 WHEREAS, highest commendation is herein conveyed to  
13 Dr. Lawrence J. Lemak in recognition of his longtime and  
14 continuing service as Chairman of the Alabama Sports  
15 Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Lemak was a founder of the Alabama  
17 Sports Foundation in 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, a world-renowned orthopaedic surgeon, he  
19 also founded the National Center for Sports Safety in 2001 to  
20 promote the importance of injury prevention and safety on all  
21 levels of youth sports through education and research; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Lemak is a graduate of the University  
23 of Alabama at Birmingham Medical School and completed his  
24 orthopaedic residency at the University of Pittsburgh; he  
25 specializes in sports medicine, arthroscopy, and  
26 reconstruction of the knee, shoulder, hip, and elbow and has  
27 published articles in numerous medical journals in addition to

1 giving presentations throughout the world; he is a highly  
2 esteemed Faculty Member of the Minimally Invasive Surgery and  
3 Computer Assisted Orthopaedic Surgery Symposium; and

4 WHEREAS, many professional sports organizations call  
5 upon Dr. Lemak's expertise as he serves as Medical Director  
6 for Major League Soccer, NFL Europe, the Professional Golf  
7 Association, the Ladies Professional Golf Association, and the  
8 United Football League; he is also Team Physician for many  
9 colleges and universities including Alabama State University,  
10 Miles College, and the University of Montevallo; and

11 WHEREAS, a champion of volunteerism, he has a record  
12 of significant accomplishments in Alabama and the southeast;  
13 as founder and chairman of the Alabama Sports Foundation, Dr.  
14 Lemak is credited with being instrumental in bringing the 1996  
15 Olympic Soccer Games to Birmingham, among numerous other  
16 notable achievements; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,  
18 he has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and  
19 tireless dedication, and he is truly deserving of special  
20 recognition; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Dr. Lawrence J. Lemak is  
23 hereby most highly honored and commended, and this resolution  
24 is offered in admiration and appreciation to him for his  
25 longtime and continuing service as Chairman of the Alabama  
26 Sports Foundation.